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amendment**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING TRP GENE DISRUPTIONS

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7033084242**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**December 5, 2002**

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 5, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including December 5, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and authorization to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account for the requisite fee, attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph spanning lines 8-15 of page 1 and insert the following therefor:

-- Many polymorphic trinucleotide repeats have been identified in the human genome. These mutations are produced by heritable, unstable DNA and are termed

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